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SUMMARY: HOUSE MOTION ON VIOLENCE NOTEWORTHY IN THAT RIGHT AND CENTER PASSED MOTION AT LEAST AS CRITICAL OF GOVT AS OF GRIVAS. LEFTISTS OPPOSED, HAVING SUPPORTED A BILL CRITICAL ONLY OF GRIVAS. THEY ALSO OBJECTED TO MOTION'S CALL FOR ATHENS-SPONSORED MEETING TO EXAMINE "NATIONAL QUESTION." MEANWHILE, NICOS SAMPSON HAS LEFT PROGRESSIVE FRONT, CALLED FOR DEBATE ON "SELF DETERMINATION", AND SEEMS TO BE MOVING TO ATTEMPT CAPTURE LEADERSHIP OF RIGHT IN LIGHT OF RELATIVE POLITICAL INACTIVITY OF GRIVAS AND ESEA. RENEWED VIOLENCE IN LIMASSOL. END SUMMARY

1. JAN 23 HOUSE ENDED TWO-WEEK DEBATE ON GLAFKOS CLERIDES' VIOLENCE MOTION, PASSING BY 20-11-2 CLERIDES RESOLUTION
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WHICH (1) CALLED ON GRIVAS DENOUNCE VIOLENCE, DISARM AND

DISBAND HIS ORGANIZATION: (2) CALLED ON GOVT TO DISARM AND DISBAND ITS ILLEGAL TEAMS OF "SELF-STYLED" SUPPORTERS AND TO PROTECT ALL CITIZENS EQUALLY THROUGH LEGAL ORGANS "IF NECESSARY, PROPERLY STRENGTHENED" (3) CALLED ON GOVT TO CONTROL ORGANS LAW AND ORDER TO PREVENT THEIR COMMISSION ILLEGAL ACTS AND TO BRING ANY SUCH LAWBREAKERS BEFORE COURTS; AND (4) EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION WOULD CREATE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR CONVOCAION OF MEETING, AT INITIATIVE OF AND CHAIRED BY GREEK GOVT, IN WHICH ALL PARTIES WILL TAKE PART TO EXAMINE POLICY LINES ON "NATIONAL QUESTION".

2. ONLY AKEL AND LYSSARIDES GROUP VOTED AGAINST MOTION, LARGELY DUE TO THEIR OPPOSITION ANY MEETING CHAIRED BY ATHENS. SECOND MOTION BY PF DEPUTY PAPADIMITRIOU CONDEMNING ONLY GRIVASITE VIOLENCE SOUNDLY DEFEATED, GAINING ONLY 11 VOTES FROM LEFT. CLERIDES' MOTION PARALLELED HIS JAN 10 SPEECH IN HOUSE, ONLY DIFFERENCE BEING THAT IN JPEECH CLERIDES HAD CHARACTERIZED MEETING IN(4) ABOVE AS UNLIKELY "UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES". GOVT SO FAR HAS AVOIDED COMMENT, THOUGH PIO HAS INDICATED ARCHBISHOP WILL ADDRESS TOPIC AT HIS REGULAR PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 25 (FIRST IN THREE MONTHS).

3. SIDELIGHT OF DEBATE WAS SECESSION BY NICOS SAMPSON FROM PF. SAMPSON HAS BEEN MOVING RIGHT IN RECENT MONTHS, POSSIBLY IN BID CAPTURE RIGHTIST CAMP (GIVEN LAW-PROFILE GRIVAS AND ESEA). HE HAS NOW INSCRIBED "SELF-DETERMINATION" ITEM ON HOUSE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION. DEBATE ON THIS WILL NOT RPT NOT BE HELPFUL.

4. AGAINST BACKGROUND HOUSE DEBATE, REAL VIOLENCE HAS PICKED UP IN LIMASSOL DISTRICT. JAN 22 TRU CAPTURED 6 GUERRILLAS, WOUNDING ONE. PARHAPS IN REPRISAL, SERIES OF BOMB BLASTS AGAISNT PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN LIMASSOL FOLLOWED, TOGETHER WITH BRUTAL MURDER OF VILLAGER HARALAMBOUS IN OMODOS EVENING JAN 23. POLICE SAY SLAYING POLITICAL (REPORTEDLY VICTIM'S SON BELONGS TO TRU).

5. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS AND ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWS BULLETIN UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED HOUSE DEBATE, SELECTIVELY QUOTING FROM SPEECHES TO PROVE ALL GREEK AFTER ENOSIS AND CITING RENEWED INTRA-GREEK VIOLENCE AS FURTHER REASON FOR TURKS TO HANDLE OWN SECURITY.

6. COMMENT: HOUSE HAS LAID TO REST DEBATE ON VIOLENCE WITH NONBINDING RESOLUTION WHICH, SIGNIFICANTLY, METES OUT LARGE DOSE OF CRITICISM TO GOVT FOR FAILURE DISCIPLINE

POLICE FORCES AND CURB ILLEGAL SUPPORTERS. MEETING AS PROPOSED
OFFERS LITTLE TO MAKARIOS (AND EVEN LESS TO GRIVAS), AND
WE CONTINUE THINK IT HAS LITTLE CHANCE FOR SUCESS (REFTEL).
APPEAR FOR MEETING PROBABLY REFLECTS POLITICKING WITHIN CLERIDES'
PARTY AS MUCH AS REFLEX AMONG CENTRIST/RIGHTIST GROUPS LOOK
TO ATHENS FOR HELP IN "NATIONAL QUESTION". CLERIDES JAN 10
DIAGNOSIS RE CHANCES FOR MEETING SEEMS RIGH ON THE MARK.
IN ANY CASE, ESEA HAS LAID DOWN CONDITIONS WHICH VIRTUALLY
RULE OUT ACCEPTANCE BY GRIVAS, EVEN IF ATHENS WERE TO OFFER
INVITATION. END COMMENT.
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